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LETTER DATED 29 JUNE 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to my letter dated 21 June 1994 (S/1994/735) regarding Serb ultra-nationalist violations of the 8 June cease-fire agreement, as manifested in their continued ethnic cleansing campaign in Banja Luka, I regret to inform you that Karadzic' Serbs are, and have been for some time now, routinely and flagrantly breaching the 8 June agreement.

The town of Travnik was victimized once again by Serbian shelling, as at least 20 shells hit the town between 1045 hours and 1435 hours local time today. According to United Nations spokesman Peter Kessler, one round hit the hospital. Also, according to United Nations spokesman Eric Chaperon, Serb forces fired about 550 shells at the village of Karacici (central Bosnia and Herzegovina). Casualty figures have not yet been tallied for these latest attacks, although it is certain that civilians were among the dead and injured. Within the past 24 hours, Serbian forces have taken severe offensive action against the town of Zavidovici (central Bosnia and Herzegovina) and have launched an offensive against Bosnian Army positions holding the Doboj-Tesanj (north central Bosnia and Herzegovina) defence line. In these attacks, Karadzic' forces have employed tanks, anti-aircraft guns and other heavy artillery pieces and infantry.

Serb forces continue to violate the provisions of the ultimatum on Gorazde of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Yesterday, armed Serb militia were found within the 3-kilometre exclusion zone. The United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR), subsequently and rightly, disarmed these militia. According to a spokesman of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), regrettably, UNPROFOR was not able to aid a UNHCR convoy travelling to Gorazde, which for three days now has been blocked by Karadzic' forces. The convoy was carrying 258 sleeping bags plus glue necessary for repairing shoes. UNHCR confirmed that Karadzic' forces confiscated the sleeping bags and dumped the glue. According to Mr. Kessler, Serb forces are "clearly trying to single out Gorazde" and "put the screws on Gorazde".

Karadzic' forces also continue to deny aid to the Bihac pocket, where no aid has come since 31 May. According to UNHCR spokesman Kris Janowski, "if Bosnian Serbs do not allow food deliveries to Bihac within two weeks, the situation will become critical". This situation has been exacerbated by coordinated attacks by Karadzic' and Abdic' forces in that pocket. According to

a spokesman for the Secretary-General, what is most disturbing is the Karadzic' forces are being reinforced by heavy artillery being transferred from the Serb occupied United Nations Protected Areas (UNPAs) in Croatia.

Serb forces have also continued their assault against United Nations personnel in various parts of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Only two days ago, a British peace-keeper was killed by Serb forces, and again today British soldiers stationed in Visiko came under fire from Karadzic' forces. United Nations military observers in the northern town of Gradacac came under two Serb assaults. After the second assault, the monitors were forced to withdraw. In Srebrenica, Bosnian Serb forces fired on Dutch peace-keepers, while a United Nations Egyptian vehicle came under fire from Bosnian Serb positions around Sarajevo. The latter act is not only a violation of the 8 June cease-fire, but also of the NATO ultimatum on Sarajevo.

Furthermore, in Banja Luka, Karadzic' forces continue their campaign of ethnic cleansing. Over recent days, close to 400 non-Serbs have been expelled from their domiciles and forcibly transported towards the border of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina with Croatia.

Regrettably, these are only the most recent violations by Karadzic' forces of the 8 June agreement. Karadzic' forces, on a daily basis, breach this agreement in various forms, whether it be ethnic cleansing in Banja Luka, sniping of civilians in Sarajevo or blockage of humanitarian aid to Gorazde.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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